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LETTER DATED 28 FEBRUARY 2000 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale dated 7 February 2000 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Note verbale dated 7 February 2000 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran and has the honour to state the following:

On 5 February 2000, at 1930 hours, the terrorist elements of the Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MKO) - currently authorized by the Iraqi Government to be stationed on Iraqi soil with a view to embarking on acts of sabotage against the Islamic Republic of Iran - launched six rounds of mortar attacks, in Tehran on Vali-e Asr Avenue, in the direction of the government edifices, killing one Iranian civilian and injuring some more and causing material damage to the said edifices and the surrounding buildings.

While strongly protesting against the above-mentioned act of sabotage, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran holds the Government of the Republic of Iraq responsible for the adverse consequences of such acts resulting from the provision of sanctuary to the terrorists of MKO on Iraqi soil and the creation of favourable grounds for them to organize armed terrorist and sabotage activities against the Islamic Republic of Iran, thus contravening international norms and principles, as well as the Charter of the United Nations.

This is to recall that these sorts of acts will damage irreparably the relations between the two countries. Therefore, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while respecting Iraq's territorial integrity and the principles of good-neighbourly relations, considers intolerable the continuation of such hostile and subversive acts and reserves its right to legitimate self-defence as well as removal of any threats.